

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1134  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Russ Cyphers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Russ Cyphers is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty years as a volunteer with the Putnam Rescue Squad and has served as Rescue Squad Chief since 1976; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his 79th birthday, Mr. Cyphers has decided to take a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a dairy farmer by trade, Mr. Cyphers has also worked as an Emergency Medical Tech and as an Ambulance Driver; known as "Mr. Rescue Squad" throughout Putnam County, Mr. Cyphers has maintained his composure through numerous tragedies and has saved many lives; and

WHEREAS, also lending his time and talents to Putnam County as a member of the Putnam County Commission for many years, Mr. Cyphers led the way for numerous improvements to the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Service as well as establishing the County's Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cyphers has been diligent in his dedication to the progress of the Rescue Squad and has worked assiduously to help advance the Squad from its humble beginnings in the 1950s, when the equipment consisted of only three old boats, to its current status as a well-equipped, highly trained unit; and

WHEREAS, one of the first EMTs to find and begin treating people in the aftermath of the 1974 tornado in Putnam County, Mr. Cyphers has helped to save the lives of countless individuals over the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, an invaluable asset to the communities of Putnam County, Mr. Cyphers has contributed immeasurable hours of dedication to helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cyphers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Cyphers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Putnam County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Russ Cyphers on his forty years of service with the Putnam Rescue Squad and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.